Remarks by Governor Haley Barbour

and Comcast Representatives for

Official Announcement of

Advanced Solutions Center (ACS)

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Good morning. Thank you all for coming out this morning for yet another announcement of a company investing in the economic development of our state, and more importantly, the lives and futures of our citizens.

I am happy to be joined this morning by representatives from Comcast, the country's leading provider of broadband services.

Many of us in Mississippi are already familiar with Comcast as our provider of digital cable TV, high-speed Internet and digital telephone services.

Today, the company is here to announce plans to significantly expand its presence in Mississippi through a new Advanced Solutions Center to be located at 384 Galleria Parkway in Madison County.

The new center will support advanced product customers, including

Comcast Digital Voice customers not only across Mississippi but also 12

other Southeastern states from Arkansas and Louisiana east to Tennessee,

Georgia and Florida.

The facility creates <u>600</u> new jobs including customer account executives, trainers and management.

I am pleased Comcast has selected Madison County for its new regional advanced solutions center. Importantly, the creation of some 600 new jobs at this facility is a strong testament to our continued strategy of creating jobs in all sectors of the economy.

Right now, I would like to introduce John Ridall, president of the Comcast Southern Division, which is based in Atlanta and serves portions of 13 states here in the Southeast. John...